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**Building with BRICS: A Burgeoning Dynamic for  
South Africa**

**WITH**

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As the balance of power shifts in the global economy towards the so 'called 'emerging markets', in particular China, where does South Africa fit in this changing reality? This paper focuses on a range of issues confronting South Africa as one of the leading economies in Africa. The paper argues that South Africa being the smallest member state within BRICS may become a less significant actor in comparison to the might of the Chinese, Russian and Indian Mega-economies. Therefore this paper analyzes ways in which South Africa can improve its domestic condition and safeguard itself from being pushed into the global periphery through concise and effective use of her new diplomacy of Ubuntu as a gateway to Africa.

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